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SOUTH CHINA YOUTHS GET SPECIAL TRAINING; LABORERS MANIFEST DISILLUSIONMENT

REDS SEIZE BOYS FOR TRAINING -- Hong Kong Shih-pao, 29 Jul 50

Responding to Soviet orders, the Chinese Communists have been trying to recruit boys from 12 to 16 to be trained as cadres, but since youth are wary, very few have volunteered. Consequently, the South China Communist head-quarters has wired local offices to round up boy beggars. This has cleaned up the streets and reduced disorders.

In San-shui the CCF scoured the highways and by-ways, selecting the more healthy looking beggars. Several thousand such destitute youngsters have been placed in a camp near Canton. They are to be sent to the Northeast for 4 or 5 years of military training; some, however, are to be drilled locally for spy work. The Communists have set up an asylum into which they force vagrant men and women, so that these may not be used by Nationalist troops.

CANTON REDS INDOCTRINATE LABORERS -- Hong Kong Shih-pao, 26 Jul 50

In an attempt to spread ideological education among workers in Canton, local Communist groups have set up a committee to foster leisure-time instruction in Party doctrine. The Office of Education and the General Labor Union will attend to the details of teaching and the mobilization of workers. Ten existing schools, which have been selected for this effort, now enroll 1,300 students, most of them workers.

REDS ALIENATE KWANGTUNG LABORERS -- Hong Kong Shih-pao, 25 Jul 50

The Communists gained control of China with the help of labor, and nothing should induce them to ignore the labor movement. But according to a Communist stalwart who has "burned the bridge behind him," the Communists treat the labor movement like a machine to be used or discarded at will. Now, even the "leader class" of laborers in the Red regime are having a hard time.

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Yesterday, a labor union member recently arrived from Canton said: "Because of my position I can offer indisputable proof that the Reds are losing interest in the labor movement; which is to say that laborers who helped the Communist movement win are now in danger of being 'kicked out.'" Figures show that out of 339,541 workers in 42 towns in Kwangtung that have labor unions, only 57,120, or 15.5 percent belong to the unions. In Canton, out of 282,366 workers, only 28,499, or 10 percent, belong to unions. Among the 63,168 public servants, not more than 20 percent belong to their union.

On various public occasions, Yeh Chieh-ying has deplored this weakness of the unions, attributing it, on the one hand, to "exclusiveness," and on the other hand, to "deviations" on the part of cadres. But according to this union member from Canton, such talk is full of "stupid lies." Laborers have really lost interest in the unions because the Reds having conquered the country now consider the labor vanguard as quite expendable and of no great importance. Recently the workers have become very cool towards shouting the slogan "Hail to the leader-class!"

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